# April 2009 Training Tracker

**Utah Public Charter Schools** 

## **Upcoming Charter School Trainings**

## **APRIL, 2009:**

10 <u>USOE Finance & Statistics Training & Legislative Update</u>

## **Attendance Required**

Red Lion Hotel

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Breakfast and lunch provided

Please watch for information from the Finance & Statistics Section. They are handling all details and registration.

24 Monthly Directors' Discussion Session

#### **Educational Innovation**

USOE - Board Rooms

8:30 - 3:00

Lunch & chocolate provided

Please RSVP to Jeannie Rowland <u>no later than Mon., April</u> 20.

Jeannie.Rowland@schools.utah.gov

## MAY, 2009: (New addition...!)

19 Monthly Directors' Discussion Session

## 3-Minute Classroom Walk-Through

USOE - Board Rooms

8:30 - 1:30

Lunch & chocolate provided

Please RSVP to Jeannie Rowland <u>no later than Tue., May</u>

Jeannie.Rowland@schools.utah.gov

## JUNE, 2009:

16-17 <u>Utah Charter School Conference, A Decade of Innovation</u>
This is sponsored by Utah Association of Public Charter schools – please contact Susan Soleil for details
Susan@utahcharters.org or 801-554-9495

## **SUMMER:**

CACTUS trainings – electronic and face-to-face
Dates and times to be determined based on the email
from Jo Schmitt sent on March 23<sup>rd</sup> regarding CACTUS
training needs.

Please see the charter school website for training materials from previous sessions.

http://www.schools.utah.gov/charterschools/training.htm



These sessions are geared specifically for <u>principals</u>, <u>directors</u>, and school <u>administrators</u>.

## April 24, 2009

#### **Educational Innovation**

\*We'll discuss innovations that are contextual as well as broad in scope currently being used in our schools

# (New requested addition to the schedule!) May 19, 2009

## 3-Minute Classroom Walk-Through

\*We'll discuss a tool to allow more time in more teachers' classrooms that encourages self-reflection and conversation.

## Other opportunities:

# \*\*\*ART METHODS FOR SECONDARY ART TEACHERS-VISUAL ARTS SUMMER ENDORSEMENT PROGRAM\*\*\*

Sponsored by the USOE

June 15-19, 2009

Skyview High School in Smithfield, Utah For details see:

http://www.schools.utah.gov/curr/FineArt/ Calendars/workshops/documents/2.24.09re vArtRegistrationform.pdf

## \*\*\*FOUNDATIONS OF ALGEBRA FOR LEVEL 2 TEACHERS\*\*\*

Highly Recommended for Teachers of Algebra

June 22- August 5

Mon & Wed 4:15 p.m.-7:15 p.m. 3 credits

This course fulfills the Foundations of Algebra requirement for a Level 3 Mathematics endorsement.

This course will be available from USU, delivered via the UMEP system. **Contact**: James Cangelosi <u>jcang@math.usu.edu</u> or visit <a href="http://umep.usu.edu/">http://umep.usu.edu/</a> or visit <a href="http://umep.usu.edu/">http://umep.usu.edu/</a>.

## \*\*\*TOPICS IN NUMBER AND OPERATION FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHERS\*\*\*

Highly Recommended for Teachers of Middle School

June 30-August 6

Tues, Wed, Thurs 2:45 to 4:45 3 credits

This course fulfills the Mathematics for Elementary Teachers I requirement for the Level 2 endorsement.

This course will be taught at the University of Utah. **Contact**: Marilyn Keir

keir@math.utah.edu

## DID YOU KNOW??

**The Division of Purchasing & General Services** for the state of Utah has a State Cooperative Contract Search that can help you find current, state-approved vendors. The search can be done by keyword, vendor name, etc. This site can be found at:

http://generalservices.utah.gov/statewidecontracts/contractsearch.aspx

The Charter School Declaration of Household Income form letter is not yet available. The 2009-10 version cannot be prepared until the USDA releases updated Income Eligibility Guidelines for that year. USDA will likely publish the guidelines sometime between the latter part of February and mid April. The form will be found at: <a href="http://www.schools.utah.gov/finance/statistics/data\_man.agment/forms.htm">http://www.schools.utah.gov/finance/statistics/data\_man.agment/forms.htm</a>

# Rules Made Effective But Not Yet Posted to the Division of Administrative Rules Website

<u>R277-101</u> - Public Participation in Utah State Board of Education

Decisions (Amended)

Effective Date: February 24, 2009

R277-117 - Utah State Board of Education Protected Documents

(New)

Effective Date: February 24, 2009

R277-462 - Comprehensive Counseling and Guidance Program

(Amended)

Effective Date: February 24, 2009

R277-469 - Instructional Materials Commission Operating Procedures

(Amended)

Effective Date: February 24, 2009

R277-473 - Testing Procedures (Amended)

Effective Date: March 10, 2009

<u>R277-509</u> - Certification of Student Teachers and Interns (Amended)

Effective Date: March 10, 2009

R277-510 - Educator Licensing - Highly Qualified Assignment

(Amended)

Effective Date: March 10, 2009

R277-700 - The Elementary and Secondary School Core Curriculum

(Amended)

Effective Date: March 10, 2009

<u>R277-705</u> - Secondary School Completion and Diplomas (Amended)

Effective Date: March 10, 2009

R277-733 - Adult Education Programs (Amended)

Effective Date: March 10, 2009

"When you reach the end of your rope, tie a knot in it and hang on!"

--Thomas Jefferson

## Praxis II Tests

The Praxis II Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) test is required of all teachers to complete EYE requirements and qualify for a Level 2 license. The test is designed to assess a beginning teacher's pedagogical knowledge. It assesses a teacher's understanding of such areas as human growth and development, classroom management, instructional design and delivery techniques, and evaluation and assessment.

Beginning teachers must pass the PLT test with a score of 160 or greater in order to apply for a Level 2 License. Educators who do not achieve a passing score may retake the test. ETS will forward scores to the Utah State Office of Education upon the teacher's request. Please allow 6-8 weeks to receive test results.

Teachers select the Praxis II Principles of Learning and Teaching test:

Early Childhood	Praxis II (0521)
Grades K-6	Praxis II (0522)
Grades 5-9	Praxis II (0523)
Grades 7-12	Praxis II (0524)

## **Praxis II Content Tests**

To complete EYE requirements and qualify for Level 2 licensure, a teacher must be NCLB Highly Qualified in **at least one** of the NCLB license areas in which they are endorsed. Teachers licensed in non-NCLB areas are not held to this requirement.

#### **Early Childhood and Elementary**

To become NCLB Highly Qualified, teachers must submit a score of 150 or better on Praxis II (0014) Elementary Education: Content Knowledge or Praxis II (0012) Elementary Education: Content Area Exercises.

#### **Secondary Teachers Endorsed in NCLB Areas**

To become NCLB Highly Qualified (HQ), a teacher must have a major or major equivalent OR have an advanced degree in the NCLB teaching area and pass the subject area test OR have a state endorsement and pass the subject area test.

## **NCLB Content Areas**

Economics, Geography, History, Mathematics, Science, World Languages, Government & Civics, Fine Arts (music, dance, theater, drama, & visual), English/Language Arts (reading, writing).

For specific Utah testing locations and dates, please see:

http://www.ets.org/Media/Tests/PRAXIS/lists/praxis\_tc\_domestic\_UT.html